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1. The majority of the members of the Partido de la Izquierda Revolucionaria (PIR) in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, have either gone over to the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario or to the Bolivian Communists, because of their dissatisfaction with the leadership of the PIR. Of the 109 originally registered members of the PIR in Santa Cruz, there are now only 20 active members and a few sympathizers who have never overtly joined the PIR.
2. During the recent transportation workers' strike in Santa Cruz, some active PIR members attempted to strengthen Party ranks by overt recruiting during the confused situation. PIR leaders delivered speeches in the main square of Santa Cruz, but failed to attract new members.
3. [REDACTED] the main reason for the PIR's loss of strength is the tightening of police vigilance. Individuals who are sympathetic toward the PIR are reluctant to voice their preference because of their fear of repercussions and possible arrest by the police.

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